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WORLD WAR HULK II

THE INCREDIBLE

HULK



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WORLD WAR HULK II PART IV

Super-genius teenager Amadeus Cho cured Bruce Banner and took on the power and mantle of the Hulk!

While in self-quarantine in deep space, Amadeus responded to a distress signal from Sakaar, a planet Bruce Banner's Hulk once freed from tyranny. There, he competed in brutal challenges to overthrow the Warlord of Fillia, who had enslaved the planet's nomadic clans. But the effort pushed him to his breaking point, and in order to save innocent lives, he had to let the Hulk take over.

Now a ruthless and arrogant Hulk has returned to Earth and declared war on his enemies. Amadeus was able to fight back long enough to get the formula for gamma blockers to his sister, Maddy, but his act of rebellion caused the Hulk to turn on him. Now the Hulk sees only one path to survival: destroy Amadeus Cho.



HULK



MADDY CHO



SPIDER-MAN



JIMMY WOO



MS. MARVEL



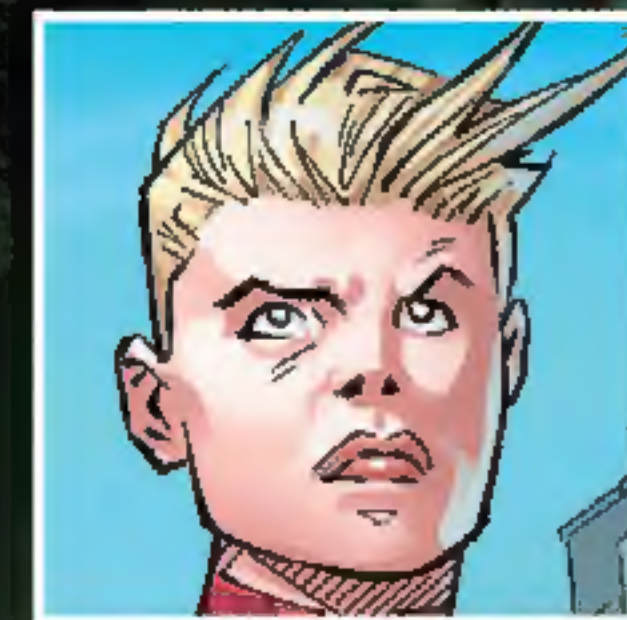
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BLACK PANTHER



SASQUATCH



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AMADEUS CHO, A.K.A. THE HULK...

...TWO MINUTES AND THIRTEEN SECONDS AFTER THREATENING TO TAKE OVER EVERY SUPER HERO TEAM AND NATIONAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, SMASHING ALPHA FLIGHT, DESTROYING THE OLYMPUS GROUP TOWER AND POUNDING ODINSON INTO THE GROUND.

DIRECT HIT!

THE ADAMANTIUM SHELLS HAVE BREACHED HIS SKIN!

IT'S ALL YOU, T'CHALLA!

JIMMY WOO, DIRECTOR OF ATLAS.



PERFECT.

I DESTROYED THAT ARMOR THE LAST TIME YOU CAME AT ME, T'CHALLA!

GO AHEAD, HIT ME AS HARD AS YOU WANT!

T'CHALLA, A.K.A. THE BLACK PANTHER, KING OF WAKANDA.

I'M NOT HERE TO HIT ANYONE.

GAH!

NANOBOTS DEPLOYED.



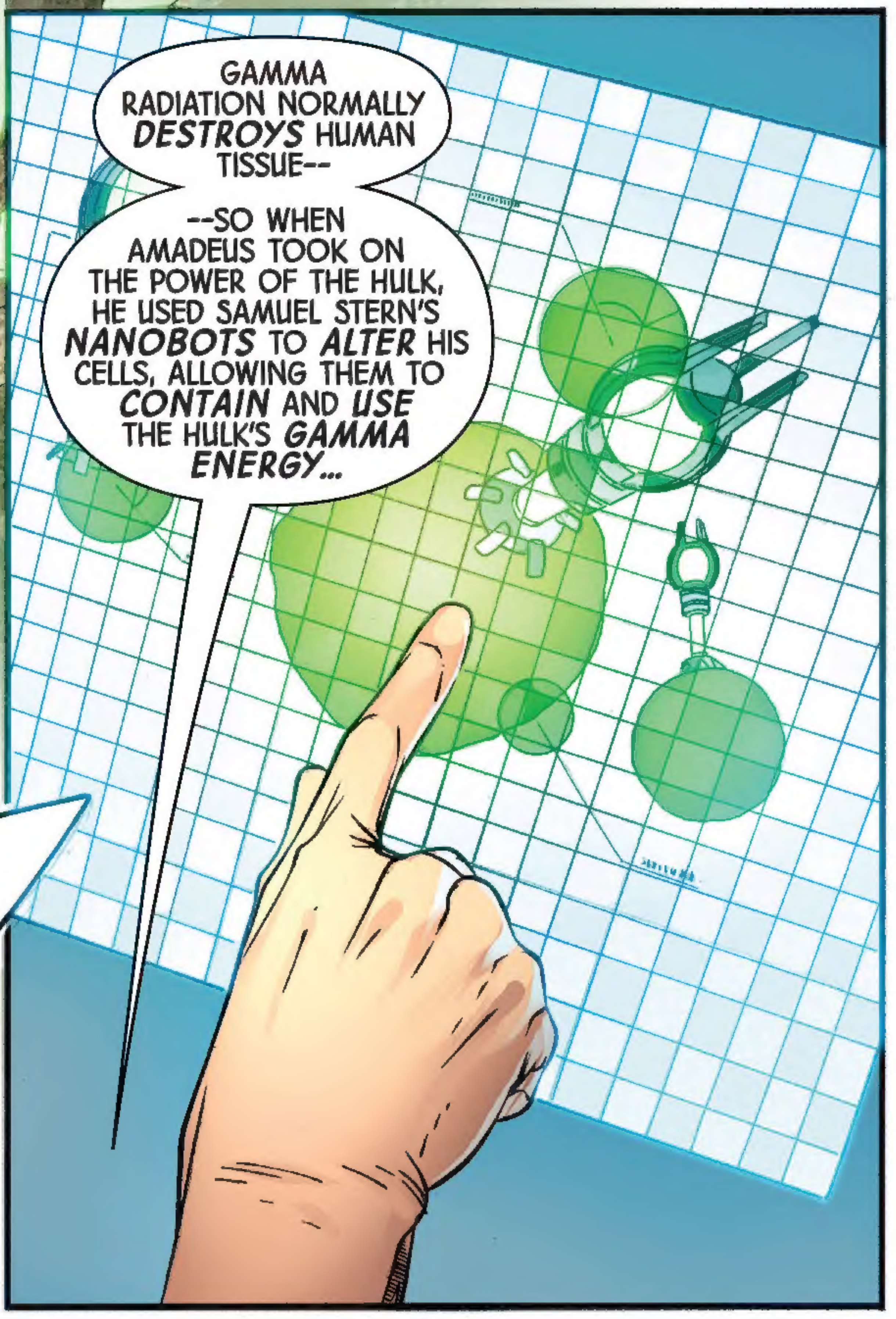
FANTASTIC!

WE'VE GOT
87 PERCENT
DELIVERY!

**MADAME CURIE
"MADDY" CHO,
SUPER-GENIUS
SISTER OF
AMADEUS CHO.**

WHAT'S
GOING ON?

**MILES MORALES,
A.K.A. SPIDER-MAN.**



GAMMA
RADIATION NORMALLY
DESTROYS HUMAN
TISSUE--

--SO WHEN
AMADEUS TOOK ON
THE POWER OF THE HULK,
HE USED SAMUEL STERN'S
NANOBOTS TO ALTER HIS
CELLS, ALLOWING THEM TO
CONTAIN AND USE
THE HULK'S GAMMA
ENERGY...



...BUT NOW WE'VE INJECTED
COUNTER-BOTS THAT CAN
BREAK DOWN THOSE
STERNBOTS AND RELEASE
THE GAMMA POWER FROM
THE HULK.

OUR
COUNTER-BOTS
WILL CONTINUE TO
PROTECT AMADEUS'
CELLS FROM THE
RADIATION--BUT THEY
WON'T LET HIM
USE IT ANY
LONGER.



WHAT HAPPENS TO AMADEUS?
I MEAN, HIS MIND? BECAUSE
HE'S SURE AS HECK NOT
ACTING LIKE HIMSELF...

I KNOW.
THIS DARK HULK
PERSONALITY HAS
TRAPPED AMADEUS
INSIDE HIS OWN
BRAIN.

BUT WE
DESIGNED THE
COUNTER-BOTS SO THAT
THE REAL AMADEUS
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
GUIDE THEM.

THE
PROCESS SHOULD
FREE HIM...

"...IF IT'S NOT
TOO LATE."

INSIDE THE HULK'S MIND.

HULK!
NOOOOO!

YOU
BROUGHT IT
ON YOURSELF,
KID.

WE COULD
HAVE WORKED
TOGETHER...

...BUT YOU
KEPT FIGHTING
ME, EVERY STEP
OF THE--

G-GAAAH!

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HA!

THE
COUNTER-
BOTS--THEY'RE
WORKING!

AND...
AND
NOW...



CENTRAL
PARK.

THANKS,
KID...

...YOU JUST
MADE ME
MADDER.

SHHAAAKOOM

AMADEUS,
IF YOU'RE STILL
IN THERE--

--I'M
SORRY!

ME,
TOO!

CINDY MOON,
A.K.A. SILK.

KAMALA KHAN,
A.K.A. MS. MARVEL.

YOU KNOW,
HONESTLY...

...I'M
NOT THAT
SORRY...



KRAK KRAK KRAK

KRAK KRAK KRAK

OKAY, MAYBE JUST A LIITTLE SORRY--

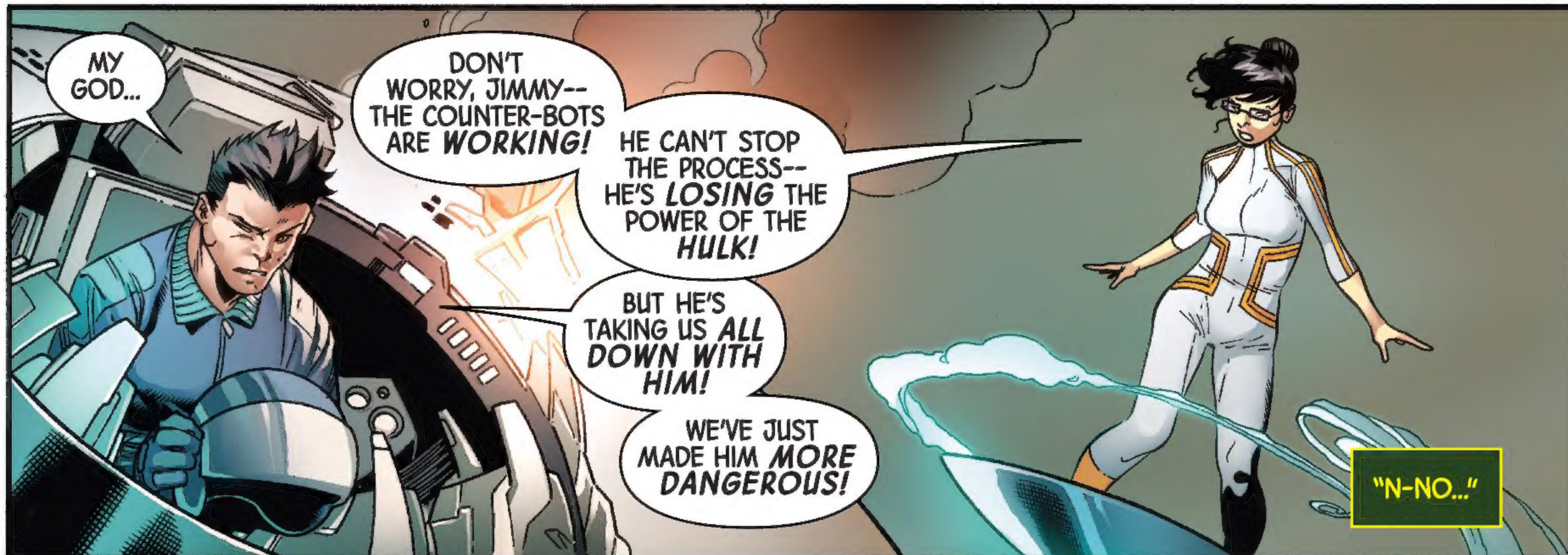
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Dan Cunn

GRRRAAACH!

BACK TO
NOT SORRY
AT ALL!







HNNN!



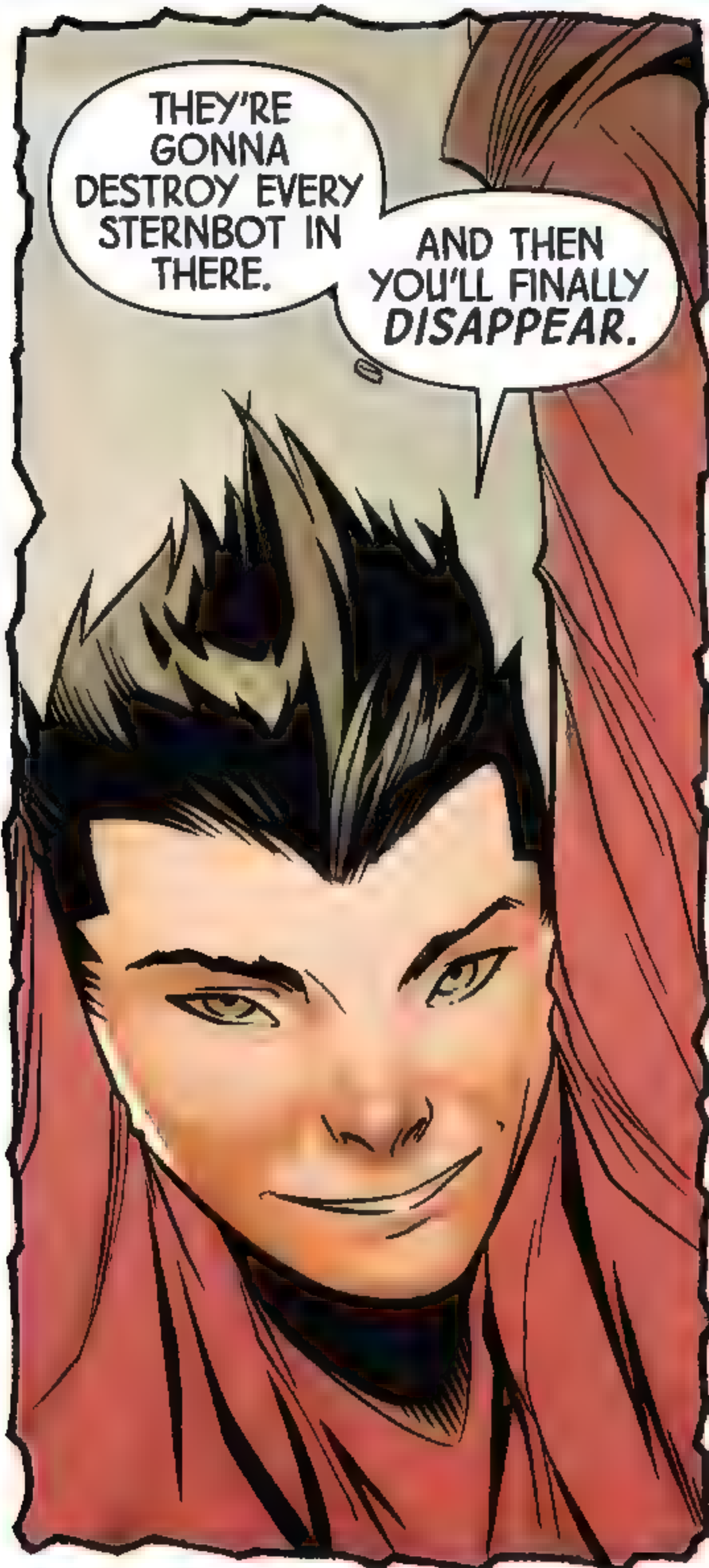
WHAT--
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I
CAN'T BREAK
YOUR BODY
THAT WAY.

BUT **RAGE**
DOESN'T COME
FROM YOUR
BODY.

IT COMES
FROM YOUR
MIND.

SO I'VE
REDIRECTED THE
**COUNTER-
BOTS** TO YOUR
BRAIN.



THEY'RE
GONNA
DESTROY EVERY
STERNBOT IN
THERE.

AND THEN
YOU'LL FINALLY
DISAPPEAR.



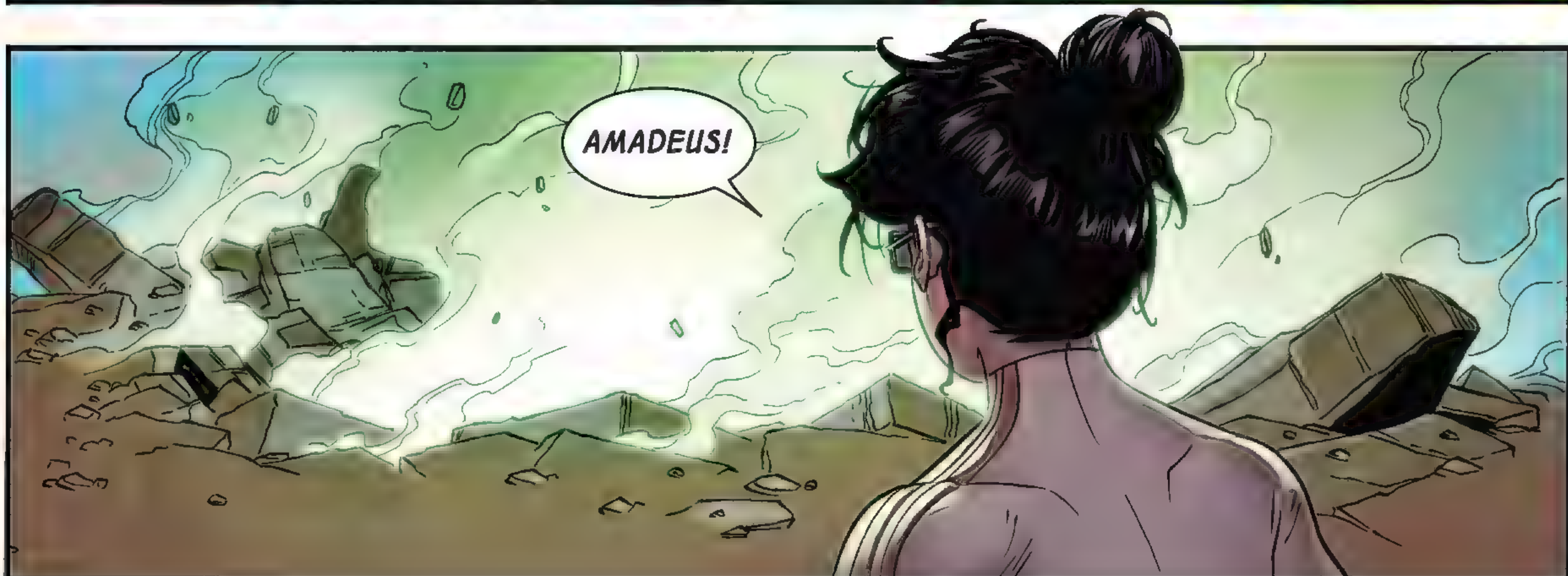
YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
THE HELL YOU'RE
DOING!

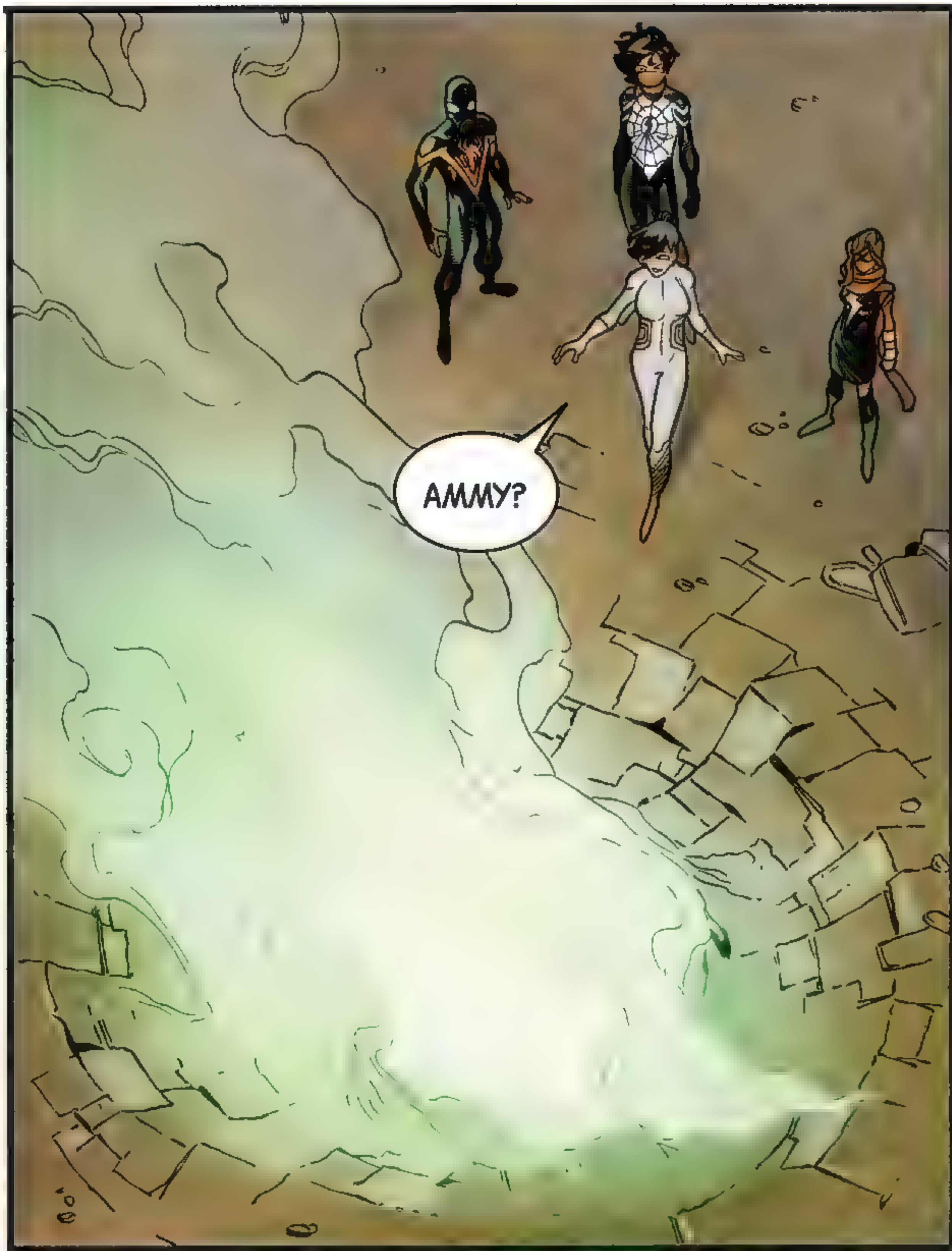
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
GONNA SURVIVE
THAT?

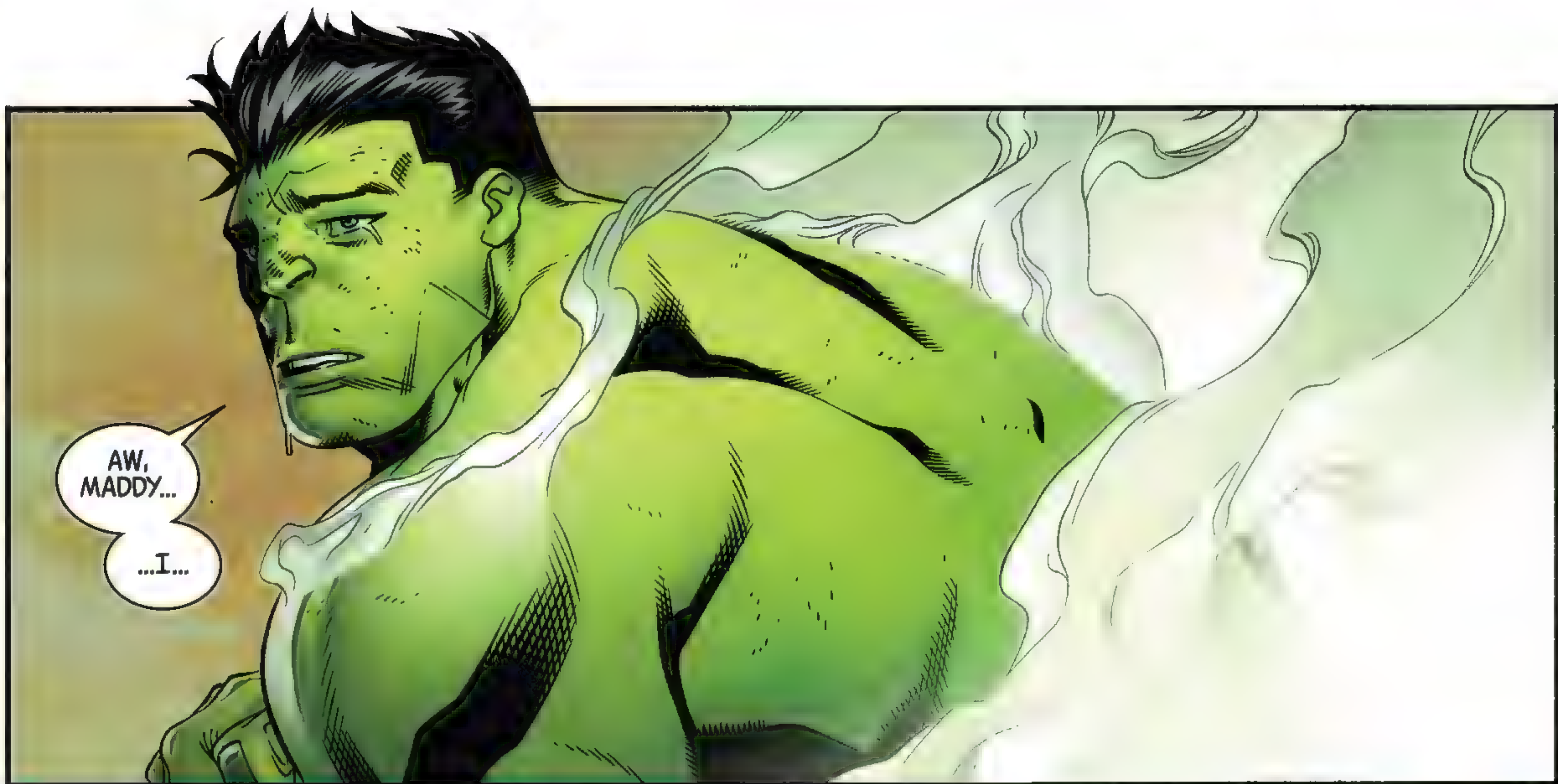
I'M **YOU!**
YOU CAN'T JUST
KILL PART OF YOUR
OWN SELF!



WATCH
ME.









"...JUST YOUR
RESENTMENT OF
EVERY KID WHO EVER
BULLIED YOU..."

"...YOUR **GUILT**
OVER YOUR
PARENTS' DEATHS..."

"...AND THAT **ANGER**
YOU FEEL WHENEVER
YOU SEE ANYONE WHO'S
BEEN **FORGOTTEN**
AND **REJECTED**."

YOU USED
TO KNOW WHAT
TO **DO** WITH ALL
THAT PAIN.

YOU USED
TO KNOW HOW
RIGHT YOU
WERE.

YOU USED
TO KNOW
WHAT TO
SMASH.

BUT FINE.

**KILL IT
ALL.**

AND
**WALK
AWAY.**



BUT YOU'RE...

...YOU'RE ME...

...AND I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU.











THE END.

When Marvel editor Mark Paniccia asked me three years ago if I'd be interested in writing Amadeus Cho as the new Hulk, I immediately said, "YES!" And then I thought about it some more, and I said, "YES!" even louder.

The Hulk has always been my favorite Marvel character and I was lucky enough to spend years writing huge stories about him. I'm probably still best known in comics as the writer of the PLANET HULK and WORLD WAR HULK storylines, and I wrote Hulk-related stories for at least another three years after that. So I've been deeply invested in Bruce Banner and his central theme of anger, and I'll always be up for digging more into those kinds of stories.

But what intrigued me about Amadeus as the Hulk was that he'd allow us to tell an entirely different kind of Hulk story that nonetheless fit into the big Hulk themes and traditions I'd loved and worked with for years.

Bruce and Amadeus are both geniuses with huge self-control issues, which is a great starting point for a Hulk. But Bruce is a stressed-out adult who sees the Hulk as a terrible curse and danger. Amadeus, on the other hand, is a cocky teenager who initially sees the Hulk as a gift, an irresistible chance to be totally awesome.

We knew from the beginning that Amadeus would have a series of comeuppances during his time as the Hulk, and I always planned an epic emotional story in which he'd finally confront his own version of the monster within. Because of your tremendous support as readers, we got the time and real estate to play this story out to the very end, culminating in the issue you've just read. Thank you so much for coming along on this three-year ride. I hope it's been as gratifying to read as it has been to write.

Huge thanks as well to all the editors who worked on this book, including Mark, Axel Alonso, Chris Robinson, Darren Shan, Tom Brevoort, Sana Amanat and Alanna Smith. Huge thanks to artist Takeshi Miyazawa, who co-created Amadeus with me back in the day; writer Fred Van Lente, who co-wrote Amadeus with me for four years in the INCREDIBLE HERCULES book; and to the countless artists, colorists, inkers and letterers who worked so hard on the TOTALLY AWESOME HULK and INCREDIBLE HULK books over the last three years. Frank Cho, Michael Choi, Mike del Mundo, Mahmud Asrar, Greg Land, Carlo Barberi, Bernard Chang, Alan Davis, Marco Lorenzana, Luke Ross, Germán Peralta, Ibraim Roberson, Stonehouse, Robert Gill, Sonia Oback, Frank D'Armata, Nolan Woodard, Cory Petit and so many others--you're all my favorite.

Also huge thanks to the old-school Hulk fans who came along for the ride, the new Amadeus Cho fans who got so excited about the series, the little Asian American kids who brought me their Amadeus comics and posters to sign at cons, everyone who cheered the huge Asian American super hero team-up "Protectors" story we did, all the X-Men fans who came on board for the gaga "Weapons of Mutant Destruction" story that launched WEAPON H and all the retailers and reviewers who gave the series so much love.

Since this is comics, we always knew Bruce would come back as the Hulk--and he's gonna be incredible. But since this is comics, that means Amadeus will continue on as well, building on the huge experiences he's had in this series as he dives into brand-new adventures. You can see him next in CHAMPIONS, written by Jim Zub--and who knows, maybe if all goes well, in another few years I'll be writing another afterword like this for the next big chapter in Amadeus' wild life.

You're all totally awesome. Thank you so much for making this all possible.

Greg Pak
New York City
April 2018

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ON SALE IN JULY!

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BRUCE BANNER (BUT AT WHAT COST?) IN...



#1

ON SALE IN JUNE!

A GREEN GIANT SCAN



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